

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(211) 1767 (area surveyed), 1902 (monument)
Mineral Spring, Maryland
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(211), at the north end of the scattered settlement of Mineral Spring, marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line nearly 189 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile provincial boundary, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in fairly good condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by about 15 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). On the national and state levels, No. ---(211) is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. G-IIB-256

Magi No.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 211)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER off the east side of Mill Run Road/T-301

CITY, TOWN

Mineral Spring ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IIB-256 entered 9/4/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____
☒ additional site (1 ?)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (211) marks a new point on the Maryland/Pennsylvania ^{boundary} / almost 189 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in fairly good condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by about 15 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this part of the West Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland/Pennsylvania boundary).

The area here is a comparatively level low, ^{sparsely settled} wooded bottomland, / surrounded by mountain foothills, in between Chub Run on the north and Mill Run on the south. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Addison Township of Somerset County, PA; at the northern end of the scattered settlement of Mineral Spring, MD; about 1¼ miles wouth of the town of Addison, PA; at a point about 100 feet southeast of the intersection of Frazee Road/T-301 and Mill Run Road/T-324, about 10 feet south of the old pipeline (#138-6) now quite overgrown, and about 25 feet east of Mill Run Road/T-301 just inside the edge of a deciduous woods. It can be seen from the road, but only by walking slowly and peering; and this obscurity seems to be protective.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of a white fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes, are clear and intact except ^{small chips at all top corners and} for a shallow chip in the number "2". There is a chip and iron nail in the apex, and several big chips along the vertical southwest edge, as well as many smaller chips along the three other vertical edges. According to the 1900-03 Resurvey notes (p. 99): this monument was set "near the site of Mason and Dixon's original mile post No. 192" (from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's field)... which "was a mound of stones and was extant until a few years ago, when it was destroyed by a road-making gang to furnish material for their operations." No evidence of this mound was found during the 1901 field inspection.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the 1902 monuments and method of setting these)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (area surveyed) ~~BUNDLED ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) ~~SURVEYORS~~

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(211) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was/originally surveyed and marked in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument set at a new site on the Line established in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(211) is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Accident (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1948 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 64188, northing 439793

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Garrett

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

7/25/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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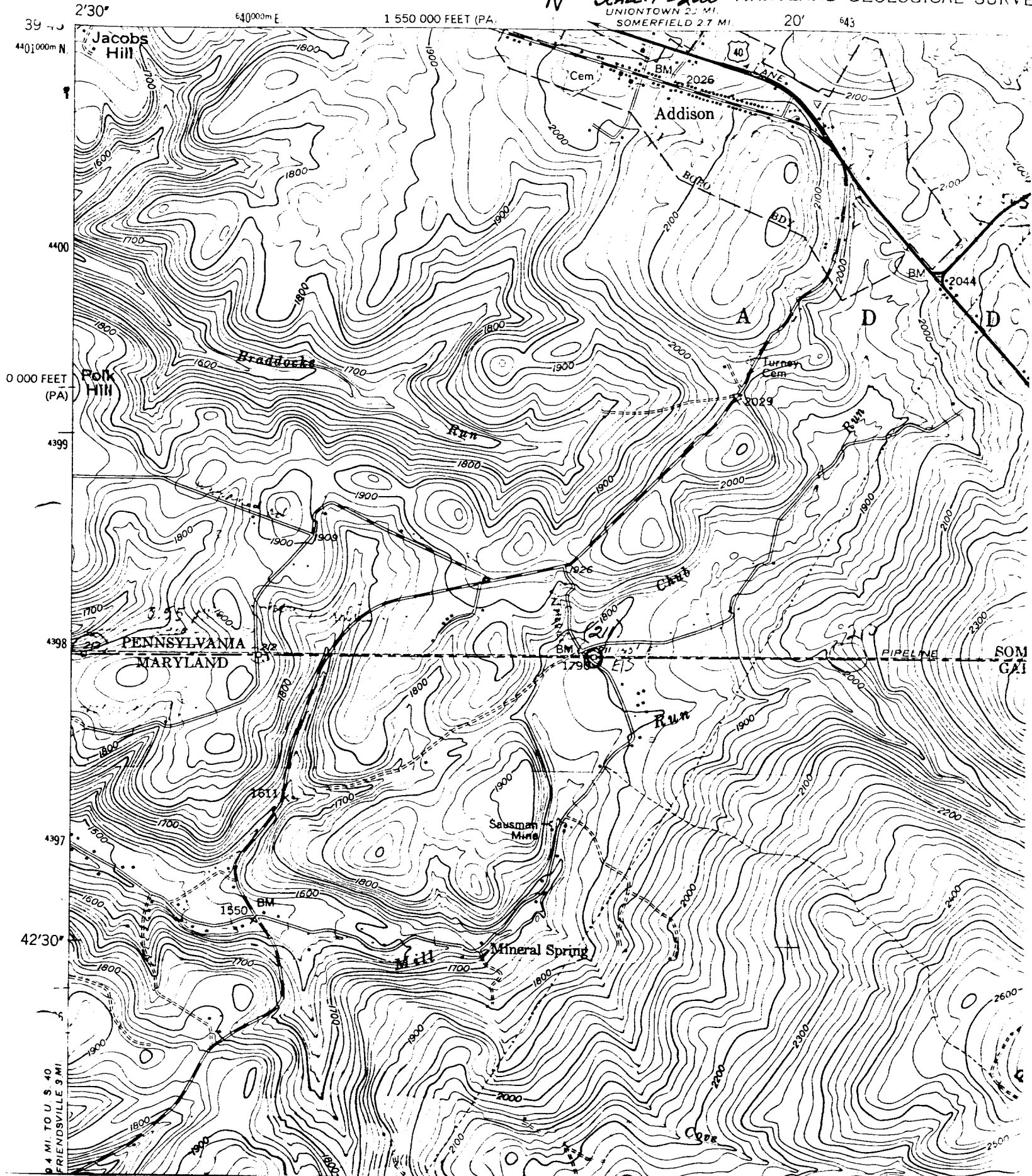
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MASC,N EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS:

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ACCIDENT QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1948 PHOTO REU 1974
SCALE: 1" = 2000' MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
UNIONTOWN 2.5 MI.
SOMERFIELD 2.7 MI.





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1. All groups of the population
are to be included in the study.

2. The study is to be conducted in a systematic manner.



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